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ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED JET TRAINER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the News-item captioned "MPs cry foulover proposed AJT deal" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated January 20, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government have since considered the suggestions made by some Members of Parliament in regard thereto; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Government have considered the suggestions made by some Members of Parliament.A presentation has since been made to the Standing Committee on Defence on the present status of the programme of induction of Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT).The Hon'ble Members have been apprised that the Indian Air Force has carried out technical appraisal of the various AJTs available and have found Hawk of United Kingdom and Alpha Jet of France the most suitable options to meet the requirements of the IAF.